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THURSDAY NOTICE

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Thursday, February 20, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

February 18 – March 6: *Jump Rope for Heart in PE classes*
February 18 – April 30: *Afterschool Enrichment*
 Sunday, February 23: *CMS Day at Sound Tigers, 3:00pm*
 Tuesday, February 25: *PTA General Mtg., 9:30 am*
 Thursday, February 27: *Census Mtg en Espanol, 6:30 pm*
 Friday, February 28: *Read Across America Day*
YA Ziti Dinner, 6-8:30pm
 Monday, March 9: *ASM, 2:15 pm*
March 10-26: *Parent/Teacher Conferences*
Thursday, March 12: *90-Minute Early Dismissal*
 Friday, March 13: *Sibling Application Deadline*
Thursday, March 19: *90-Minute Early Dismissal*
 Saturday, March 28: *PTA Spring Auction, 6:30-10:30pm*



CMS FAMILY FUN DAY WITH THE SOUND TIGERS! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020 TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Join your CMS friends as the Bridgeport Sound Tigers take on the Hartford Wolf Pack at the Webster Bank Arena on Sunday, February 23. Doors open at 2:00 pm, game begins at 3:00 pm. Discounted ticket price is \$20 per ticket (Box Office price is \$33). A portion of each ticket will benefit the CMS PTA and all CMS families in attendance can hold the American flag during the National Anthem!! Please purchase your tickets online at <https://fevo.me/columbus>. For more information, please contact Dan Tamburro of the Sound Tigers at dan.tamburro@harboryardse.com or 203-345-4822.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART & KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Students will participate in Jump Rope for Heart activities in their scheduled PE classes from February 18 through March 6. At the same time we will be conducting the Kids Heart Challenge to raise life-saving funds for the American Heart Association. Information packets were sent home with students last week. The deadline for donations is Friday, March 6. There will be an All School Meeting on Monday, March 9 at 2:15pm to celebrate healthy habits with Jump Rope demonstrations and honor Christa Bray's contributions to our Jump Rope for Heart Program.

CMS SIBLINGS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN 2020

Don't forget to email Terry Lakin at lakint@norwalkps.org if you have a child entering kindergarten next year. Please include the name of your child as well as the name and grade of the older sibling in your email.

To qualify for Sibling Priority:

- *Both the incoming sibling and the current CMS student MUST attend CMS next year.*
- *Completed sibling applications must be received by our school office no later than March 13, 2020.*
- *Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the loss of sibling priority.*

Parents: Online registration is now open. Please go to:

<https://cms.norwalkps.org/>

ALSO, a very information resource for parents with children entering kindergarten has been compiled by Norwalk ACTS. It can be found at the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/norwalkps.org/step-into-kindergarten/home?scrllybrkr=6080eae7>

PTA GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting of the CMS PTA is Tuesday, February 25 at 9:30 am. Topics for discussion include funding projects for this year and the Fun Run next year.

YOUNG ASTRONAUT ZITI DINNER & RAFFLE

This year's Young Astronaut Ziti Dinner is Friday, February 28, 6:00-8:30 pm at the American Legion Hall on County Street. Information was sent to all Young Astronaut families. In addition, the 5th grade YA mission is holding a raffle to generate money for the CMS YA program and help to fund various YA trips. All CMS students and families are invited to participate in the raffle. A raffle ticket order form including a list of the many prizes was sent to all CMS families. You may purchase tickets using the order form or before school on Friday, February 21 and February 28 in the front hallway. Deadline for ticket orders is Wednesday, February 26. The drawing will be held at the YA Dinner on February 28. Winners need not be present. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Valiante at thevaliantes@yahoo.com.



CMS Annual Spring Auction

The CMS PTA will be hosting its annual Spring Auction on Saturday, March 28 from 6:30-10:30pm at Shore and Country Club, Norwalk. Here's how you can help: Our committee is looking for CMS families with connections to local businesses who might be interested in donating goods or services. The committee is also open to new members and new ideas. If you would like to get involved, please contact Rina Britell at eiacono26@yahoo.com or Emilie Forcellina at Emilie.forcellina@gmail.com.

Letters and forms may be found at: https://cms.norwalkps.org/parents/parent_forms_info

Also, we are still collecting items for the grade level baskets to be included in our silent auction. Boxes for you donations are set up outside of the classrooms. Here is the list of themes: K – Arts & Crafts, 1 – Gardening, 2 – Baking, 3 – Barbecue, 4 – Outdoor Fun, 5 – Family Game Night, and Upper School – Movie Night.. Thank you in advance for your support!



PHOTOS NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S CMS YEARBOOK

If you have pictures of school or classroom events and/or activities that you would like to submit for this year's yearbook, please contact Laurie at laurielafaro@yahoo.com.

Order your yearbook now! The cost is \$28. You can order a copy directly from the PTA website, go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/columbusmagnetpta/home?scrllybrkr=6080eae7> The password is cmsyb2020.

SOUP-ER BOWL 2020!!

And the winner is The Open Door Shelter!!! CMS Student Council members delivered over 145 cans of soup collected in this year's CMS SOUP-ER BOWL to the Open Door Shelter last week!!! (By the way, CMS voting results: Chiefs 106, Forty-Niners 39.)

Thank you Ms. Sue for organizing this fun and worthwhile activity!!



Art update from Ms. Peri's Art Room

Greetings Parents, Staff and Volunteers!

Our 6th and 7th grade Artistically Talented works of art are on view in the hallway next to Mr. Smith's office. The work will be taken down the last week of February.

The Art Room could use clean soup cans, shoeboxes, tin foil, plastic egg cartons, and art smocks -- clean t-shirts work!

Please contact Ms.Peri at pfenningers@norwalkps.org for any further information or to arrange your volunteer schedule.

Artweek will be held March 30-April 3. Ms. Peri needs volunteer help before, during, and after Art week.

Last year, Ms. Peri was commissioned to paint a portrait of the Honorable Diana A. Johnson, the first African-American Surrogate elected in the State of New York. Today, Ms. Peri is attending the portrait dedication ceremony where her work will be unveiled! Congratulations Ms. Peri - We are so proud of you!